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## Diocese Contributing for "Archbishop Noll Hall"

One of the two new dormitories to be built at St. Joseph's will be named "Archbishop Noll Hall," in honor of the recent elevation of the Fort Wayne bishop, long a close friend and enthusiastic supporter of St. Joseph's College.

The building will be partly paid for by the people of the diocese who wish to honor the Archbishop and, at the same time, promote the worthy cause of Catholic education.

Donations are now pouring in from the diocese as a result of a 51,000-copy mailing of "The Call," a full "Contact"-size news-sheet telling the St. Joe story and the need for expansion.

The campaign received a tremendous boost at the recent banquet in honor of Father Rapp's Golden Jubilee, during which honorary degrees were awarded the jubilarian and Archbishop Noll. The latter presented the college with his check for \$5,000—a token of his appreciation, he said, for the many, many years of co-operation from the priests of the

St. Joseph's faculty. Msgr. Edmund Mungoven, vicar-general of the Fort Wayne diocese, presented the college with checks totalling nearly \$10,000, contributions of the priests of the diocese toward the new dormitory.

Archbishop Noll Hall, which will be similar in design and structure to Bennett Hall, will also be located on the west side of the campus. The present Noll Hall will be re-named.

## Donald Kremp Elected To Head New Chapter

Organization of a Central Indiana Chapter of the St. Joseph's Alumni Association was completed at a meeting in Indianapolis on April 28, with adoption of a Constitution and By-Laws, and election of officers.

Donald E. Kremp, '43, was elected president. Other new officers are: Edward E. Taphorn, '49, first vice-president and chairman of Membership Committee; Vestal R. Nicholas, '49, of Kokomo, second vice-president and chairman of Scholarship Committee; John H. Dunn, ex-'45, third vice-president and chairman of Budget and Fund-Raising Committee; James C. Welch, ex-'50, fourth vice-president and chairman of Arrangements and Entertainment Committee; John F. McCann, Jr., '51, secretary; and Robert M. Marks, ex-'52, treasurer.

A motorcade to bring high school seniors to St. Joseph's for a get-acquainted tour has been set for May 16. Jim Welch will be in charge of the motorcade. (Continued on Page Three)

## J-O-E Alumni Group Has Big Dinner Dance

The annual dinner dance, held by the Jasper-Owensboro-Evansville chapter in Jasper on May 8, was pronounced the most successful to date by most of those attending.

A total of 57 actual alumni and wives were present, as well as Moderator Father Norman Heckman, Father John Lefko and Father Cletus Kern of the Collegeville campus. Bernard Gribbin, ex-'23, of Kokomo, who happened to be in town on business that day, stayed over for the festivities.

Beginning with dinner in the Knights of Columbus Hall, the dance itself was held in the American Legion Hall. Father Lefko gave a brief talk at the dinner.

A raffle of three sets of furniture was believed at the time to have cleared approximately three hundred dollars.



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## Football Schedule

Sept. 18 - **Earlham College**  
(at Richmond, Ind.)

Sept. 25 - **DEPAUW\***

Oct. 2 - **Valparaiso\***  
(Night game at Valparaiso)

Oct. 9 - **INDIANA State\***  
(HOMECOMING)

Oct. 16 - **Butler\***  
(at Indianapolis)

Oct. 23 - **EVANSVILLE\***

Oct. 30 - **Ball State\***  
(at Muncie)

Nov. 6 - **(Open Date)**

Nov. 13 - **OHIO Northern**  
(DAD'S DAY)

\* Indiana Collegiate Conference

## Alumni to Visit Phys. Ed. Dept.

An alumni visiting committee of coaches will be the first to visit a St. Joseph's department for the specific purpose of observing procedures and making recommendations. The committee, composed of Barney Badke, '39, Jim Buckley, '48, Fred Jones, '39, and Chuck Levandowski, '43, will visit the physical education department on Monday, May 17.

Beginning at 9:30 in the morning, the committee will attend the regular practice sessions and the classes in physical education. At noon they will have a luncheon meeting with the physical education majors, and in the evening a dinner meeting with Father Gross, Father Pax and Father Heckman.

It is planned to have many such alumni groups visit the various departments in the future.

## Two Honorary Degrees Given at Fr. Rapp Jubilee

The Golden Jubilee of the ordination to the priesthood of Father Ildephonse Rapp, '99, C.P.P.S., celebrated May 5 at St. Joseph's, was the occasion of the presentation of two honorary degrees by the college. Father Rapp, now professor emeritus, and Archbishop John Noll of the Fort Wayne diocese, were each awarded the degree of Doctor of Letters. Father Rapp himself celebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving in the

College chapel at 11 a. m., with Father Joseph Hiller, '19, as deacon, and Father Rufus Esser, '19, as sub-deacon. Archbishop Noll and Bishop John G. Bennett, '09, of the Lafayette diocese, attended in the sanctuary, together with Bishop-elect Clarence Issenmann, '27, of Cincinnati. Bishop Leo A. Pursley, '21, auxiliary of the Fort Wayne diocese, preached the sermon.

The presentation of honorary degrees was made by the Very Rev. Raphael H. Gross, '32, president, following a banquet in the College dining hall. Citations in honor of Father Rapp and Archbishop Noll were read by Father Walter Pax, '24, dean.

Other addresses had been made by Bishops Bennett and Pursley, Father Gross, and Msgr. Edmund Mungoven, '97, vicar-general of the Fort Wayne diocese. Msgr. John A. Sullivan, '06, Dean of the South Bend Deanery, presided as toastmaster.

During the ceremonies Archbishop Noll presented the college with a check for five thousand dollars toward the new dormitory which will bear his name. Msgr. Mungoven presented a total of nearly ten thousand dollars in checks, gifts of the priests of the Fort Wayne diocese, also for Archbishop Noll Hall.

## Frank Benchik Gets Man-of-Year Award

Dr. Frank Benchik, '42, of Munster and East Chicago, received the special Patron Award as the "St. Joe Man-of-the-Year" in the Lake County area, at the annual dinner dance of the Lake County Chapter on April 29.

About 150 people attended the affair, which was held in the Panel Room of St. John's Parochial Center in Whiting. The St. Joe's Glee Club presented an informal program, and dance music was provided by the swing band from Collegeville.

Puma Football Coach Bob Jauron made a brief talk at the dinner. Acting for the president, Father John Lefko accepted the thousand-dollar scholarship fund, to be given to a representative graduate of a Lake County Catholic High School over a four-year period. Father James I. Birkley, director of the Calumet Extension Center, also received a gift of one thousand dollars to further the education program of the Center.

Among the guests at the dinner and dance was Ben Wolt, defense man for the Detroit Redwings. (Continued on Page Three)

## St. Joe Men Popular In Grosse Isle School

At the recent Alumni Social given by the Greater Detroit Chapter, Father Ernest Lucas discovered what he considers a very pleasant coincidence—three St. Joe alums who, with one other faculty member, a woman, make up the entire English department of Grosse Isle High School.

The St. Joe men who are now responsible for the English training of Grosse Isle's young people are: Bernard Whaley, '48; Dominic Kastre, '41; and Donald Horst, ex-'50.

## Jubilarian Has Devoted Long Life to St. Joe's

By VINCE AGNEW, '54

Father Ildephonse Rapp, priest, professor, dramatist, musician, who for 50 years has given gen-

erously of those talents toward the betterment of St. Joseph's College, has celebrated his Golden Jubilee in a fitting climax to a remarkable career.

Born in the little town of Altschweier in Baden, Germany, in the year 1877, Fr. Rapp ventured forth from his homeland in 1892 to find his fortune in the vast, young land of hope and promise known as the United States. Shortly after landing here he found himself drawn toward the priesthood; and nurturing his vocation, he entered St. Joseph's during the fall term of 1893. From that year to this, with the exception of four years at Carthage (1900-04) and five years in Milwaukee (1934-39), his life has been intimately connected with St. Joseph's.

Immediately after his ordination in 1904, Fr. Rapp began to teach Latin and Speech at St. Joseph's while assuming temporary direction of the school's band. He was "temporarily" the director of this organization for 17 years—until Prof. Paul Tonner took over in 1921.

In 1906 Fr. Rapp also assumed the direction of the Columbian Literary Society, forerunner of the present Columbian Players. Under his brilliant guidance the Society reached a degree of perfection in their theatrical performances seldom equaled by such a

group. During his 28 years as the moderator, Fr. Rapp was the guiding light for some 100 major (Continued on Page Three)



ARCHBISHOP JOHN F. NOLL receives the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters, at St. Joseph's College, from the Very Rev. Raphael H. Gross, president.



FATHER ILDEPHONSE RAPP, also presented the Doctor of Letters degree, was celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as a C.P.P.S. priest.



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Brother Cletus, '18

# We Hear . . . .

from FT. LEONARD WOOD, Mo.  
..... On November 17th of last year I was sent to Finance School at Fort Ben Harrison, Ind. Well, I can sincerely say that my 16 weeks at Indianapolis were both educational and happy ones. I never dreamed army life for an enlisted man could be so pleasant. I took a course in Finance Procedures, in particular the course concentrated on how to pay soldiers and how to compute travel allowances. The work was difficult at times, but for the most part I did not have much trouble.

My primary MOS is now 1622—Disbursing Specialist, much better than the one I formerly had—1745, rifleman. So you can readily understand why and how my attitude has changed for the better. I finished school last Tuesday and reported in here Thursday via Evanston, Ill. . . . .

Pvt. Maynard F. Gamber, '53  
Hq. Det. 5017 ASU  
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from CAMP KILMER, New Jersey  
..... This is my first location since entering service and may not be any more permanent than any of the others. The folks have always forwarded "Contact" and an occasional copy of "Stuff" which I enjoy reading very much. While at Ft. Riley I met John O'Connor, '53, Andy Evans, ex-'53 and Mott Walter, '53. They were all there when I left, but have probably shipped out since then as the 10th Division is closing down completely in the next month or two. Andy was waiting discharge, John was in his 2nd 8 weeks of training and Matt was two classes behind me in typing school.

After spending a week in a replacement center here I was sent to the Post Hospital to look after a small Medical Library.

It isn't what I had in mind, but I certainly can't complain. We flew from Topeka, Kansas, and have had the opportunity of seeing New York on weekends. The only time we have to step outside is in the morning at reveille. Living at Drexel was never like this.

Pvt. Ralf Neff, Jr., '53  
Med. Det. 12277th A.S.U., USAH  
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from Headquarters, BERLIN COMMAND  
..... My parents forwarded to me your letter concerning the Universal Communion day that was held on March 21st. I was sorry that I couldn't join with you and the other St. Louis Alumni in receiving Our Lord on this day at St. Joseph's church. I did receive Holy Communion on this day in honor of St. Joseph, and since I am situated behind the so called "iron curtain" here in Berlin, I imagine my homage along with other former St. Joe men made the occasion truly a universal one.

I would like to take the opportunity at this time to ask you not to forget to include me in any future St. Louis alumni activities. I can't be there in person for about 15 more months, but after that I will be available. My plans right now include entering Law School at St. Louis University, if that venerable institution will condescend accepting one of my limited mental capacity. If anything of interest should come up in the future, referring to alumni activities, I wish you would notify me at the address which is on the reverse side of this page.

I anxiously await the day when I shall be able to participate actively in the alumni organization. Till then, I remain,  
Sincerely yours,  
Pfc. Roland G. Meinert, '53  
G 2 Section, Berlin Command  
APO 742, c/o P. M., New York, N.Y.

# Jet Crash Kills Louis B. White

Lt. Louis B. White, '52, was killed Wednesday, April 28, in the collision of two jet planes at Laughlin Air Force Base at Del Rio, Texas.

According to details received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. White of Jasper, Ind., Louis was piloting one of a number of jet fighter planes that were making practice dives. One of the other pilots pulled out of a dive too steeply instead of leveling off, and hit Louis' plane from below.

Funeral services were held in St. Joseph's Church, Jasper, at 9 a. m., May 3. The Solemn Requiem Mass was sung by the Rev. Albert Leis, O.F.M., rector of Mount St. Francis pro seminary at Floyd Knobs, Ind. Father Walter T. Pax, dean at St. Joseph's, was one of the priests assisting.

Surviving besides his parents are a sister, Mary, of Jasper; two brothers, Ensign Bob White, athletics officer at the Barin Naval Air Base at Foley, Ala., and John, who is a first year student for the priesthood at St. Meinrad Seminary; and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Reh of Louisville.

# Fr. Grotenrath Buried May 13

Father Thomas H. Grotenrath, '28, C.P.P.S., died April 9 at St. Francis Hospital in LaCrosse, Wis., after a long illness.

He was a former language teacher at St. Joseph's College, and had served as principal of Brunnerdale Seminary.

Funeral services are planned for 10 a. m., May 13, at Carthagen, Ohio.

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# Alumni Quickies

If all goes well with **Steve Theodosios**, '42, at exam time (and it usually does) the former St. Joe Geology teacher will have a Ph.D. from Indiana University in June. Steve is permanently employed by Shell Oil Co., at Billings, Montana, and has a three months leave of absence for completing his studies toward the coveted sheepskin. He gave St. Joseph's Department two copies of his Geologic Map of the Melrose Area, Beaverhead and Silverbow Counties, Montana . . . **Dave Steckbeck**, '51, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., has announced his engagement to Miss Charlene Hatherly of Indianapolis, a student at Marian College. Dave is in the Indiana University Law School from which he expects to graduate in 1955 . . . Following the receipt of the April issue of "Contact," **Alfred J. Hepp**, ex-'02, wrote to inform us that he found "**Trapper**" **Van Flandern**, ex-'97, without a great amount of trouble, their first meeting in 53 years . . . **Paul Moosmiller**, '53, has enrolled at the University of Tenn., where he is working toward an M.S. degree, with emphasis on Stratigraphy in the field of Geology . . . Another "schoolboy" who has returned to crack the old books is **Charles Pepper**, '50, who completed a two year run with Uncle Sam, and is now a senior in petroleum engineering at the University of Oklahoma . . . The letter in the "WE HEAR" column from "**Peanuts**" **Ritter** puts him back in the "Contact" list after a lapse of a few years. The former Paducan had given us the slip some time after he went south, and we are glad to have him back in the fold. Since there is no longer an Academy at Collegeville, son will have to wait four years, but we shall look for Mr. Peanuts sooner than that . . . **Jack Griffin**, '52, with the Army Engineer Test Unit at Ft. Belvoir, Va., has been doing work on a classified research project since last October. Jack hopes to be given his discharge in October . . . Writing from Camp Le Jeune, N. Carolina, **Lt. Jerry Wenzel**, '53, regrets that he cannot be at Collegeville for Commencement, since his Battaliou will be on the rifle range at that time. And Football for the marines starts on July 11th, so little Jerry fears he may not be in Hoosierland until Christmas. What a tough life, but how nice those nice trips to California for the service championship around Christmas time, eh! . . . Down in old Kaintuck at Ft. Knox, **Don Hathaway**, '52, who has recently been promoted to barking 1st Sergeant, is longiug to have **Bob King**, '52, and **Bob Gering**, '53, in his Battery B. Wonder whether he could handle that wily pair of Bobs! . . . **Joseph A. Faulkner**, '41, property accounting officer at Purdue University, has been chosen president of the Lafayette chapter of Te Deum . . . Orchids are arriving from all directions for **Father James Hinton, C.P.P.S.**, '40, local director of publications, for the superb task he performed in the supplements on the canonization of Blessed Gaspar del Bufalo, founder of the Society of the Precious Blood, which were added to issues of "Stuff" and "Contact" . . . Decaturite **Paul E. Brunton**, '45, who carried off a B.S. in Accounting, stuck right to his figures and became a Certified Public Accountant. He is now with the Ft. Wayne Builders Supply Co. as Secretary-Treasurer. Paul was married to Miss Margaret A. Rice at Great Lakes, Ill., in July following graduation. They have three daughters and twin sons, Tom and David, who probably will give teachers the usual trouble figuring "which is which" . . . With degrees from three Universities, **Donald G. Leavitt**, ex-'36, who finished with an LL.B. at Michigan in '51, is now a patent attorney with the firm, Koenig and Pope at St. Louis, Mo. At St. Joseph's Don was a chemistry major and has degrees in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering from Marquette and Illinois Universities . . . **Lt. John J. Fehrenbacher**, ex-'42, has returned to active duty with the United States Coast Guard and is now assigned to the Coast Guard Air Station in the San Francisco International Airport in South San Francisco, Calif. . . . Births reported: A son, Richard Edward, to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert E. Alter**, ex-'51, Feb. 4; a daughter, Kyriale, to Mr. and Mrs. **Cyril Wendeln**, ex-'50, April 6; a daughter, Ann Therese, to Mr. and Mrs. **David L. Hipskind**, ex-'43, Feb. 5 . . . "Contact" editors are expecting a "house-warming" invitation any day from "**Chush**" **Curosh**, '40, who reports being located in a new home at 2025 Stanton Ave., Whiting, Ind. . . . **Robert L. Johnson**, '52, and the Mrs. are also located in a "home of their own" at 3828 W. 77th St., Chicago 29 . . . **Cpl. Maurice G. Weber**, ex-'54, writes that he is stationed in Alaska with one more year in service and enjoys "Contact" which is relayed to his address after his parents have enjoyed reading it . . . **Fr. Edward Roof**, '24, is slated to have a meeting Sunday morning, May 16, with a small group of alumni in Glandorf, to make organizational plans . . . On Sunday afternoon, May 16, **Fr. Raphael Gross**, '32, and a group of alumni who are teachers in Mercer and Anglaize counties, Ohio, will have a picnic at St. Mary's State Park.



# Ed Krause Speaks At Sports Dinner; Awards Presented

A glittering array of trophies and awards, with a very worthwhile speech by Ed (Moose) Krause, long-time director of athletics at Notre Dame, provided the highlights May 11 for the annual All-Sports Banquet at St. Joseph's.

Mr. Krause, who was an All-American for two years in both football and basketball while a student at Notre Dame, later becoming basketball coach and, in 1943, athletics director, addressed primarily the St. Joe varsity squad-members and intramural champions, in whose honor the banquet was held.

Father Raphael H. Gross gave the welcoming address. Father Norman Heckman, St. Joseph's director of athletics, introduced some of the many distinguished guests and the coaches, who, in turn, presented the annual letter awards. Presiding as toastmaster was Randall Decker, director of St. Joseph's News Bureau.

Fr. Heckman made special awards as follows: To Father Edward Roof, in appreciation for his many years of service as St. Joseph's athletic director; to Don Merki, the ICC basketball award for the Most Valuable Player in the conference; Robert Wasni, the ICC baseball award (last season) for the Most Valuable Player in the conference, and the St. Joseph's duplicate award for his participation in both football and baseball for two years.

John Quinn, student athletic representative of the Student Council presented the Student Council Awards as follows: To William Zimmer as St. Joe's Most Valuable Player in football; and to Don Merki as St. Joe's Most Valuable Player in basketball. The baseball M. V. P. award will be withheld until the close of the season.

Quinn also presented a Student Council trophy to Joe Lee, Indiana State's basketball center, as the Pumas' most outstanding conference opponent who played in the Collegeville fieldhouse this year. Lee's coach, Indiana State athletics director John Longfellow, was also introduced to the group.

James Beane, St. Joseph's intramural director, presented to the athletic department the trophies won by the intramural champions for both basketball and bowling in the Midlands Conference Extramural Meet this year.

## Jubilarian . . .

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productions, and his capability in this field is enthusiastically verified by all who witnessed or participated in his plays.

In 1934 he left the Columbians and St. Joseph's for a five-year stint as chaplain at the Mother House of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Milwaukee. In 1939 he returned to the college to resume teaching chores, as the increased enrollment made it necessary that he rejoin the Speech department. In 1950 he was forced to retire from teaching because of a North Central Association (accrediting organization) ruling that no institution should have a professor over 70 on the faculty.

Fr. Rapp was the only surviving member of his ordination class when his jubilee was celebrated. During his 50 years as priest and faculty member at St. Joe's, his students have numbered in the thousands, including three bishops and almost all the present priests on the faculty.

Now 77, Fr. Rapp still remains a vivacious personality whose physical appearance and prowess belie his years. With a chuckle he recounts of his being "grounded" last year by the Society's Provincial from his annual climb of the water-tower, a feat with which he had celebrated his birthday the last dozen years or so.

Coming as he did over 60 years ago as a young lad to find his fortune in a new world, he dis-

## Tennis Team Wins Over Valparaiso 4-3

May 5—The St. Joseph's tennis team won their meet against Valparaiso yesterday with a 4-3 score, taking three singles and one doubles. The meet was held in Michigan City.

It was the first time St. Joe Coach Fr. Edward Roof has had his entire team together for a meet. The Collegeville boys have been further hampered in their training by wet weather and the press of other campus work which has prevented getting the local courts in shape for use. Previous matches had been lost to Indiana State and Butler.

In the Valparaiso competition, one of the St. Joe players, Chet Pilat of Monroe, Mich., had to play 70 games while winning one single and one double—a good day's work on anybody's court.

Other players for St. Joseph's this year are: Eugene F. Wuest of Chicago, Gerald J. Walke of Grand Rapids, William J. Zimmer of Covington, Ky., and James F. Zid of Berwyn, Ill.

## Classes Electing 1954-1955 Officers

By ED LINSKEY, '54

May 8—At most colleges, the month of May is a glorious time set aside for such things as baseball, spring fever, suntan lotion, etc. All these time-honored institutions are also given a good working-out by St. Joe students; however, enough time is set aside for the annual class elections.

With most of the Collegeville precincts in, this is the lineup of class officers for the 1954-55 school year:

The president of the senior class will be Willard Kellogg, elected by his class for the second year in a row. He is from Chicago Fenwick High School. Vice-president will be Hugo Pennington, footballer from Jackson, Michigan. The secretary and treasurer are two Chicagoans: Bill Gillen of Fenwick High, and Terry McCarthy of St. Rita.

Elections in the class of '56 are still somewhat muddled, pending post-election runoffs for the presidency between Tim O'Brien, basketball star from Berwyn, Illinois, and Roger Uecker of Ft. Wayne. There will also be a runoff for the office of treasurer between Jack Carlson of Chicago's Mount Carmel, and Dick Obergfell of Indianapolis. These run-offs will be held May 10. The other two officers, who have already won their posts, are Jim McPolin from Chicago's Leo High, vice-president, and Bob Pitt of St. Joseph, Michigan, secretary.

Next year's sophomore president will be Bill Bazil, football half-back from Crete, Illinois. The offices of vice president, secretary, and treasurer were won respectively by Chicagoans: Jim Station of St. Ignatius, and Ed Stepan and Frank Unger, both from St. George High.

## New Chapter . . .

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Thirty members attended the organizational meeting, which was held in the meeting room of the National Cash Register Company offices. Father Walter Pax, faculty moderator, was present.

covered it and pursued it in a place where few people care to look. Not an extraordinary man in the usual sense of the word, his claim to fame might best be described by this noted quotation:

The most beautiful and the rarest thing in the world is a complete human life, unmarred, unified by intelligent purpose and uninterrupted accomplishment, blessed by great talent employed in the worthiest activities, with a deserved fame never dimmed and always growing. (Charles Evans Hughes).

# Prospects Excellent for Championship

By VINCE AGNEW, '54

May 10—Baseball Coach Jim Beane's been beamin' lately with a contented smile that would put Elsie the Borden Cow to shame. And you don't have to go far to find out the reason. One glance at this year's baseball record will explain all.

As of now the Pumas have completed over half of their scheduled 19 games with a sparkling 10-1 record, their only loss coming at the hands of Valparaiso in a tightly fought duel, 5-3.

The hustling Puma nine opened the season with 6 straight wins on the road and 2 more at home, mauling Franklin, 3-1; DePauw, 2-0; Chicago, 11-8; 9-7; Indiana Central, 10-3; Indiana State, 9-2; Ball State, 6-2; and DePauw again, 10-6. Then came the ill-fated Crusaders contest, followed by a double victory over Evansville, 4-0; 6-5.

The last games against Evansville were both thrillers, everything happening with 2 outs in the last inning of the 2 seven-

inning contests. In the first game the Pumas fast ball-king Dick Dwinell had a no-hitter with 2 outs in the seventh when 3rd sacker Brenton for the Aces banged out a triple. In the second game St Joe's heavy-hitting left-fielder Bob "Whale" Wasni provided the story-book finish. With the Pumas behind 5-4, 2 men down and the count 3 and 2, the big Whale whaled one over the centerfielder's head for a homerun, winning the ball game.

At the beginning of the season Coach Beane had expressed doubt as to the strength of his pitching staff, but since the season's start, he has had remarkably fine performances from both regular starters, Dick Dwinell and Ted Ashburner, with some fine spot appearances by freshmen Bob Fox and Gene Eifrid, a converted infielder, and Senior Jim Hoess.

Dwinell has been the most consistently outstanding performer so far, with 5 straight wins to his credit, including the one-hitter against Evansville, May 7. He is followed in the win column by Ashburner with a 3-1 record, and Hoess and Fox each have single victories.

While the hitting hasn't been on a par with last season's outstanding record, still the hits have been coming at the right times to win ball games. Wasni and Meyer haven't been slugging at their customary pace, but such men as Don Normandt, Don Merki, and George Smolar have been taking up the slack.

Wasni appears to be coming out of an early season slump, as his triple and homerun in the last Evansville game indicate, but big "Skip" Meyer, Puma first baseman and consistent .400 hitter in his previous 3 seasons with the team, seems to be troubled with what baseball lingo terms "atoms"—hard hit balls that always windup going straight at those fielders. It's reported that in the Indiana State game he hit one so hard at the shortstop that he threw his gloved hand up in self defense and caught the ball, but received a broken hand for his trouble.

To date, second-sacker George Smolar has been turning in the best performance of his four year college career, committing only one miscue in the field, batting around .400 and getting his hits when they count the most, not to mention his tendency to steal the opposition blind on the basepaths.

Coach Beane thought he'd have a good team this season, but he hardly hoped to improve on last season's 14-2 record. Now he is not so sure. Six games remain on the schedule (May 8 doubleheader with Chicago was canceled), and five of these will be at home. Five of them will also be ICC contests, and the Pumas will be fighting to retain their league leading status which they now hold with a 6-1 record.

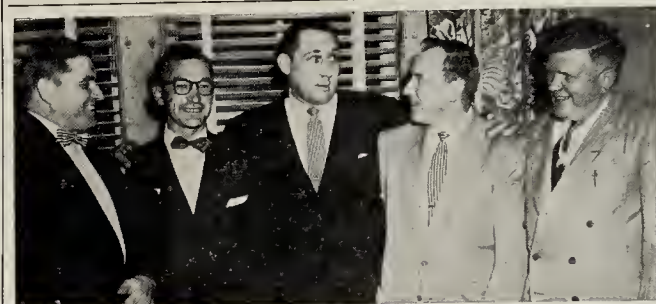
While Coach Beane refuses to presume anything concerning the team's fortunes during the rest of the season, that contented look speaks for itself. He and the team both want an ICC championship badly, and they'll go on playing each game with the determination they have shown in the past.

## The Columbian Players Present "Male Animal"

"The Male Animal," the three-act comedy-drama of Broadway fame, attracted good crowds and was well-received as the Columbian Players' spring production on May 2.

Starring Senior Robert Gregoire of Danville, Ill., the cast included eight other St. Joe students and five girls from Rensselaer and the college staff. The female lead was played by Mrs. Robert Nelson, whose husband is a student at St. Joe's.

Mrs. Nelson, an employee in the business office, is well-known in the Whiting area for her work with the St. John Drama Group.



AT THE ALL-SPORTS BANQUET May 11, Ed (Moose) Krause discusses the coaching business with hosts. From left to right are: Bob Jauron, Dick Scharf, Ed Krause, Jim Beane and Virgil Robbins. (Photo by Fr. Baird).

## Puma Trackmen Make Progress

By JIM BRUHA, '55

If you have visited the Collegeville campus during the past month you have wondered who the men in blue pajamas are running around in front of the field house. These long-winded athletes are members of the Puma track team, which is starting to make a name for itself in the ICC.

This is the first year St. Joe's has turned out for track in a big way. There are approximately 36 cindermen, under the tutelage of coach Virgil Robbins, the newly-appointed track coach.

Thus far the young track team hasn't done too well, but there are many bright spots on the picture and Coach Robbins feels that things are going quite well for the first year.

Sophomore Joe Kneip of Cincinnati is the Pumas' leading point scorer. Joe runs the 100 and 220 yard dash. At the present time he holds the record of 9.95 seconds for the fastest 100 yd. dash this season in the conference. Running in six meets he has scored a total of 34 points. Coach Robbins looks for big things from Joe in the future.

George Kuhn, a senior from Detroit, handles the distance events. George is a consistent point scorer, running the mile and two mile. In spite of his small size he always runs a 2nd or 3rd in these events.

Marv Hackman of Jasper, Ind., does a good job on the hurdles and the broad jump. He won the high hurdles in the Manchester meet May 1. Freshman Ken Banks is the team's lone pole valter. He rated a third place in the Manchester meet with a jump of 10' 6". Middle distance men Carl Jaeger and Neil Stewart took first honors in the 880 and 440 respectively in the Manchester meet although the Pumas lost it 72-45.

The team travels to Ball State for the Little State meet on May 15 and to Purdue for the Big State meet on the 22nd. Although they've won no meets thus far, the Pumas have made some fine showings; and with this season of experience behind them they should make their presence felt in the conference next season.

## Man-of-Year . . .

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winners of the Stanley Cup. Honorary memberships were presented to Mr. Woit and to a dozen other friends of the Lake County Chapter.

## Noted Pianist Gives Recital at St. Joe's

Bela Boszormenyi-Nagy, generally considered the foremost Hungarian pianist in the United States today, appeared in a piano recital at St. Joseph's on May 12. Mr. Nagy has been the resident pianist at Indiana University since September of 1953.

A political refugee from his native land, Mr. Nagy is famous throughout Europe, Canada and the United States for his recitals and broadcasts, his orchestra playing and his compositions for piano and string instruments.

## Young Golfers Look to Future

By DICK BENDER, '55

May 10—With little more than a week of play left, the St. Joe golf team hopes to improve on its season's record, which now stands at one win and four losses. Two more regular games and a tournament will round out the schedule.

The two remaining matches for the Puma linkmen will be home engagements with Indiana State May 15 and with Glenview Naval Air Base May 18. In both games the squad, coached by Fr. Joseph Smolar seeks to avenge earlier defeats. Before these dates, however the team will participate in the Little State Golf Meet at Terre Haute, May 14. The meet will consist of 36 holes of medal play, with lowest scorer copping the tournament medal.

Besides the losses to Indiana State at Terre Haute, April 30 (18-0), and at Glenview May 3 (13-5), the Pumas were also beaten at Bellarmine College of Louisville in the season's opener April 8, (11-5), and at Valparaiso May 6 (11-4). Victory came April 22 at the expense of Chicago, by a 9½-5½ score.

The squad is young and lacks experience. Sophomore Merle Efting, Captain, of Evansville, Ind., the only veteran team member, is the most consistent player. The freshman members, however, show good promise and need only more experience to develop their game. These underclassmen, of whom Fr. Smolar expects much in the future, are Steve Kubiowski, Chicago; Tom Smeeton, Milwaukee; Robert Kobleski, Harvey, Ill.; Paul Layman, Defiance, O.; and Ronald Keller, LaPorte, Indiana.

With a little more seasoning, the Puma golf team should be stronger and more poised, providing opponents with stiff competition in '55.



## 1954 Predicted 4 Lay Retreats As "Golden Era" Set for Summer For Business

(The following account of an address by William C. Dieruff, '42, president of the newly activated Louisville Chapter, is reprinted from the Jefferson Reporter, Beuchel, Ky.)

A Jeffersontown business man predicted this week that 1954 would be the "golden era" for individuals and small businesses.

W. C. Dieruff, Jr., owner of Dieruff Hardware in Jeffersontown and Fern Creek, told the Middletown Rotary Club last Monday that in periods of shortages the man with the most money has the advantages, but in a period like the present, "the score is even."

For the first time, he said, "the business giant" can be beat. He contended that an independent dealer with modest inventory could now do more business per dollar invested than any chain.

Dieruff told the Rotarians that business was not a mystery or guessing game but a "true science" which could be studied and understood like any other science.

The secret to a good year in 1954, he said, is not to work harder but to have our work done more profitably. If you are enthusiastic, he added, think success, talk success and you can be a success.

Forget what your competitors are doing, he urged, except to gain new ideas. Study customer wants. Train your employees thoroughly. Sell programs, not just merchandise. Plan your programs to try to eliminate seasonal dips in sales.

## High School Retreat On Campus May 16

May 10—The annual High School Retreat on the St. Joseph's campus will be a one-day affair this year, on Sunday, May 16.

Opening at 10 a. m., the retreat will include an evening Mass at 5 p. m. and close at 6:30 p. m. with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The retreat will be open to all high school junior and senior boys.

Father Edwin Kaiser, professor of religion at St. Joseph's, will be the retreat preacher. Father Richard P. Baird, admissions counselor, is retreat director.

## Prom Weekend Is Pronounced Big Success by Visiting Alumni

By BILL FEELY, '55

"I hate to say it, but this Prom surpasses ours." So remarked an alumni prom chairman of a few years ago, as he danced to the music of Ralph Marterie at "Penthouse Serenade," May 8.

Other returning grads were even more enthusiastic and complimentary. "Wonderful," "Terrific," "Wow" were the words they used to describe this year's formal dance.

The prom itself culminated a joyous weekend which even cold weather and rain couldn't upset.

The festivities got under way with the Revels of May 7. One hundred twenty couples danced to the music of Floyd Campbell and his jazz combo from 9 til 1 p. m. Drinks and food, in the form of a midnight buffet, were served.

The scheduled baseball double-header with Chicago U. was cancelled because of rain. But later Saturday afternoon the sun broke through, and couples enjoyed the always-beautiful Collegeville campus.

The prom began at 9 p. m. As the couples arrived, they were greeted by a welcoming doorman while attendants parked their cars. Once inside, the beauty of the decorations, which transformed the fieldhouse into a penthouse of splendor, met the eyes of the promgoers.

Ralph Marterie, rated the num-

ber one band for 1954 by both "Billboard" and "Downbeat" magazines, provided music for the 200 couples who attended. At 1 p. m., the music stopped and a smorgasboard snack was served. As the prom ended, all were aware that "Penthouse Serenade" had been a huge success.

Four lay retreats, two for men and two for women, have been scheduled at St. Joseph's for this summer.

The men's retreats are to be held August 6-8, and August 20-22; the women's retreats, July 9-11, and August 13-15. All four retreats will be conducted by the Rev. Urban Hoorman, '31, C.P.P.S., of the Detroit Mission House of the Society of the Precious Blood.

The Rev. M. M. Dreiling, '30, C.P.P.S., director of lay retreats at St. Joseph's, has announced that 96 retreatants can be accepted for all except the July women's retreat, which will be limited to 60. Women desiring to make the July retreat should apply early.

All four retreats will begin with dinner at the college at 6 o'clock on Friday evening, and close with lunch on Sunday afternoon at 3:45.

Applications or requests for further information should be addressed as follows:

Director of Lay Retreats  
(Fr. M. M. Dreiling, C.P.P.S.)  
St. Joseph's College  
Collegeville, Indiana

## Parents Day Attracts Good Crowd to Campus

St. Joseph's College Parents Day, held on the campus May 2, attracted a crowd of more than 500 fathers, mothers and friends to the campus, despite fickle weather that included showers, deluges and a little sunshine.

Beginning in the morning with Masses in the College chapel, the day's activities included tours of the campus, an intrasquad football game, a short organ recital, and the showing of the St. Joseph's movie.

Marian Year services in the chapel, with an address by Father Gross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, sung by the St. Joseph's Concert Chorus, was climaxed with a Rosary Procession to the campus grotto.

Carillon concerts by Prof. Tonner, on the Knue Memorial Carillons, were presented throughout the day. Liturgical and collegiate exhibits were on display in the library.

The day was concluded in the evening with a stage production of "The Male Animal" by the Columbian Players.

## Thirteen Alumni Are Ordained In Society of the Precious Blood

May 7—Thirteen former St. Joseph's students will be ordained to the priesthood in the Society of the Precious Blood on Saturday, May 15. The ceremonies will take place in the Chapel of the Assumption at St. Charles Seminary, Carthage, Ohio.

The Most Rev. Joseph M. Marling, C. P.P.S., former Provincial of the Society and now Auxiliary Bishop of Kansas City, will be the ordaining prelate.

The Very Rev. Seraphin W. Oberhauser, C.P.P.S., Provincial, will invest the newly ordained with the mission cross of the Society immediately after the ordination ceremonies.

Seminarians who will be or-

dained are: The Rev. Cyril Sutter of Coldwater, O.; the Rev. Louis E. Gelhaus of Celina, O.; the Rev. Robert W. Hunt and the Rev. Richard J. Boehle, both of Cincinnati; the Rev. Rocco G. Cosentino of Niles, O.; the Rev. Paul W. Wohlwend of Suffield, O.; and the Rev. Frederick R. Lang of Randolph, O.

Also, the Rev. Donald A. Vogl of New York City; the Rev. Harry Cavanaugh of Pittsburgh, Pa.; the Rev. Albert A. Reed of York, Pa.; the Rev. Robert M. Palmquist of Akron, O.; the Rev. Henry L. Frantz of Cleveland, O.; and the Rev. David Van Horn of Hicksville, O.

## New Courses Slated In Summer Session

The six-week summer session at St. Joseph's, offering a special series of courses this year in addition to regular offerings, is scheduled to extend from June 21 to July 31.

Under the direction of Father Edward Maziarz, the various types of courses have been planned to meet the needs of teaching Sisters and laypeople and of both new and regular college students. Complete information may be obtained from the Registrar.

Students will register on Monday, June 21. Classes will begin on June 22. The deadline for registration is June 24.

Special offerings this year are made in the fields of Theology, Institutional Management, Physical Education and Geology, in addition to the regular courses in Education, English, French and Spanish, Humanities, Natural Sciences and Philosophy.

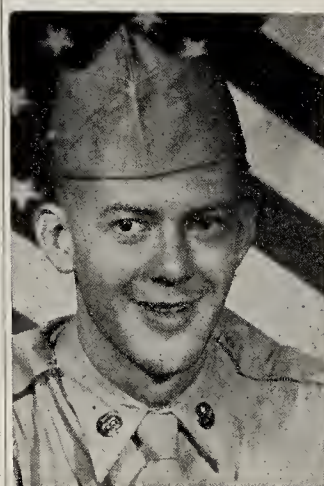
## Column on St. Joseph's Newspaper Feature

To better acquaint the people of Rensselaer and the Jasper County area with St. Joseph's College—what it is and what it hopes to be—a regular weekly column is being published in both Rensselaer newspapers. Titled "From the Twin Towers," the column was started on Jan. 26.

Started, and supervised, by Randy Decker, the column is frequently contributed by members of his class in "Feature Writing." Community reaction has been highly favorable.

A few of the topics have been: The Living Endowment, Why Farming at St. Joe's, Summers at St. Joe's, The Students, The Faculty, St. Joe's "Fourth Estate," The Library, Intramural Athletics, Why We Have the "Pumas," Music at St. Joseph's and The Geology Department. Many others provide a backlog for continuing the feature.

## In Korea . . .



CPL. LAWRENCE P. O'CONNELL, '52, of the 196th F. A. Battalion, Headquarters Battery, is due to return to the States soon from Korea, where he has completed his tour of duty. Cpl. O'Connell is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Tad O'Connell of Chicago. His mother is a former president of the St. Joseph's Mothers Club.

## Choral Concert to Use St. Francis Glee Club

May 7—Sunday, May 16, has been set as the date for the Spring Choral Concert at St. Joseph's.

The program, which has been planned to offer a wide variety of choral entertainment, will use not only the St. Joseph's Glee Club and Concert Chorus, but also the forty-voice girls' Glee Club and Choral Ensemble from the College of St. Francis at Joliet, Ill., and the St. Joseph's Calumet Extension Chorus of women's voices.

Scheduled to begin at 8 p. m., the concert will be held in the college auditorium. The public will be welcome, and the admission charge will be fifty cents.

## Changes Announced in Student Affairs Office

Father Joseph A. Smolar, '38, was appointed to the office of Coordinator of Student Affairs at a recent meeting of the Administrative Council. Fr. Smolar will replace Fr. Henry J. Martin, '35, who asked to be relieved of the position.

In other appointments, Salvatore A. Pupo was put in charge of the Testing Bureau and of Student Guidance, and Fr. Daniel E. Schaefer, '42, in charge of the social calendar and social activities, both relieving Fr. Martin in the respective jobs.

The appointments, which will go into effect June 7, are to be effective for three years. Fr. Martin will be available for full-time teaching.

## List Delegates For Rome Trip; Date Tentative

May 10—Eight priests of the Society of the Precious Blood have been selected by secret mail balloting to act as delegates for the General Chapter and the Canonization of Blessed Gaspar in Rome this summer.

The Society's American Province will be officially represented by the following: Fathers John E. Byrne, '32, Columbus, Ohio; Harold V. Diller, '28, Dayton, Ohio; Aloys Dirksen, '20, Carthage; Joseph Kenkel, '13, St. Joseph's; Herbert Linenberger, '29, Carthage; Edwin Murphy, '24, New Cumberland, Pa.; Andrew Pollack, '29, Brunnerdale Seminary; and Joseph Rohling, '23, La-Crosse, Wis.

According to the latest word received from the Society's Father General in Rome, the canonization is a "moral certainty" to be held on June 13. The General Chapter will probably begin on June 21.

## LATE FLASH!

Br. Cletus Scheuer, '18, of St. Joe's, and Br. William Schalk, agent for the "Precious Blood Messenger," have been elected by the brothers of the Society to attend the Canonization in Rome. Present plans are for a sailing date of May 27.

## NFCCS Holding Congress Here

May 6—Philip H. Des Marais, instructor in political science at the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn., will be the keynote speaker for the eleventh annual congress of the Fort Wayne region of the National Federation of Catholic College Students, to be held at St. Joseph's May 15 and 16.

Mr. Des Marais is a founder of the National Student Association, a nationwide college organization, and is presently a member of the Association's national advisory council. He served as executive secretary in the Youth Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, from 1947-1950. In 1951 he acted as faculty advisor for the eighth national congress committee of the NFCCS and is at present the local moderator at the St. Paul college.

Approximately 100 delegates from six Catholic colleges in Indiana and lower Michigan are expected to attend the congress at St. Joseph's. These delegates, meeting to decide policies and elect regional officers for the next school year, are attending one of the 19 such congresses held throughout the country by the Federation. The group's national congress will be held this year in Chicago's Congress Hotel, Aug. 31 to Sept. 5.

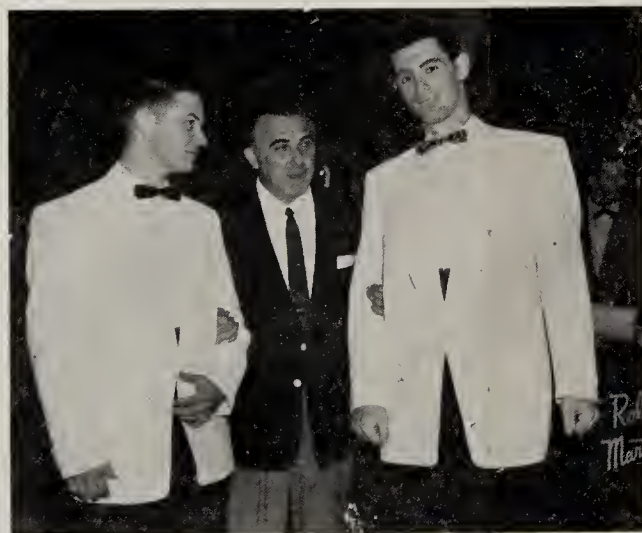
Represented at the regional convention, besides St. Joseph's, will be St. Francis College, Fort Wayne; St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, Terre Haute; Marian College, Indianapolis; Nazareth College, Kalamazoo, Mich.; and Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Mich. The theme of the meeting will be, "A Re-Valuation of the Fort Wayne Region."

Kenneth Ryan, St. Joseph's senior from Gary, is in charge of arrangements for the congress.

## Spring Band Concert Scheduled for May 24

St. Joseph's annual Spring Band Concert has been set for Monday evening, May 24. Held in the auditorium, the concert will be open to the public without charge.

The program, which is scheduled to begin at 8 p. m., will include twelve numbers offering a wide variety of musical entertainment. Father Clement Kuhns directs the band.



AT THE PROM ON MAY 15, Ralph Marterie discusses the gala event with Junior Class president Willie Kellogg (of Chicago), at the left, and Prom chairman Terry McCarthy (also of Chicago), at the right.—(Photo by Fr. Baird).